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In the Abstract

Please substitute the following amended Abstract for the Abstract as currently pending (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

A method of producing a structured hard chrome layer is described, wherein chromium is deposited from an electrolyte onto a workpiece, said electrolyte containing:

(a) a Cr (VI) compound in an amount corresponding to 50 g/l to 600 g/l of chromic acid anhydride

(b) 0.5 g/l to 10 g/l of sulphuric acid;

(c) 1 g/l to 20 g/l of aliphatic sulphonic acid, comprising 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and

(d) 10 g/l to 200 g/l of at least one compound forming a dense cathode film, said compound being selected from among ammonium molybdate, alkali molybdate and alkaline earth molybdate, ammonium vanadate, alkali vanadate and alkaline ~~alkali-ne~~ earth vanadate, ammonium zirconate, alkali zirconate and alkaline earth zirconate.

Further, the application relates to a structured hard chrome layer obtained according to said method and to an electrolyte for carrying out said method.